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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: CHRISTENSEN et al.

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For: A CONNECTING PIECE FOR A  
TUBING

Attorney Docket No: 12706/21

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,306,705	12/22/1981	Svensson
4,895,570	1/23/1990	Larkin

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

No.	Date of Publication	Country
EP 0 663 039	07/02/1994	EP
EP 0 775 501	06/05/2002	EP
DE 298 18 311 U1	3/11/1999	Germany
DE 299 21 406	1/11/2001	Germany
WO 93/03787	3/4/1993	PCT
WO 99/36009	7/22/1999	PCT

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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

EP 0 663 039 was cited in the International Search Report as an A-type reference, which is not considered to be of particular relevance.

DE 298 18 311 U1 is described in the specification of the present application for teaching a connecting piece for medical infusion systems (page 1, line 13 – page 2, line 3).

DE 299 21 406 US is included, based solely on the figures, because it appears to disclose a connector.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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